

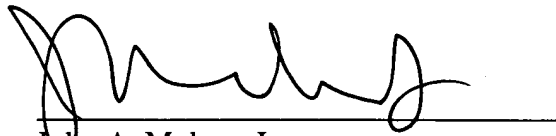
REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application as amended respectfully is solicited on behalf of the Applicants.

The changes to the claims are now shown relative to the claims of the patent as required.

A supplemental declaration is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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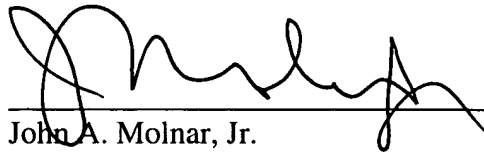
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